

# The Jewish Daily Forward

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## What's Up at Sha'ar Zahav

**Bring a Friend to Sha'ar Zahav!**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 7; FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
**AT 6:00 PM; REGULAR SERVICES AT**  
**8:15 PM.** As part of Shabbat Across America, Sha'ar Zahav asks all members to bring (at least) one friend or family member who might be interested in starting a connection with our community.

### **Purim Pajama Party Palooza** **A Synaplex Shabbat**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00 PM;**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7:30 PM;**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 10:30 AM.**

Did you know the story of Esther is filled with week-long sleepover parties? For Thursday's Megillah reading, come in costume or come in your pjs for an evening of song, shpiel and yummy treats. Saturday, bring the kids to a carnival and kiddie shpiel. SYNAPLEX IN THE SF BAY AREA IS FUNDED BY STAR AND THE RICHARD AND RHODA GOLDMAN FUND.

### **Music in the Mishkan**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 4:00 PM: "DARK-NESS & LIGHT"; SUNDAY, APRIL 27,**

**4:00 PM: "SILK & STONE". CSZ**  
**members \$15/concert; others**

**20/concert.** The March concert is co-sponsored by the Jewish Music Festival, March 22-30.

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## Are You Mensch Enough?

BY TOM LAKRITZ

One day, a few of us noticed that the top leadership at Sha'ar Zahav—our rabbi, our cantor, our administrator, our educator and our president—are all women. (Some of us are slow.) The preponderance of women in leadership roles at Sha'ar Zahav is part of a larger trend. Reform congregations across America are recognizing that women today participate in leadership and volunteer roles in greater numbers than their male counterparts. All this female energy and talent deserves to be honored and celebrated.

It also raises the question: "What are we doing to engage the energy and talents of the men of Sha'ar Zahav?"

So, last fall, together with Rabbi Angel, we launched a series of conversations—provocatively titled "Are You Man Enough?"—to explore the needs and interests of the men of Sha'ar Zahav. More than forty men participated, including long-time and newer members as well as gay, straight and transgender men. Most of these men have had a bar mitzvah, visited Israel, and have read Torah sometime in their lives. In conversations, many enjoyed reflecting on the people in their life who have shaped their Jewish and male identities—and some were equally eager to stop talking and start planning.

When asked what they most wanted to do, many men said that being in nature provides them with spiritual grounding. Others enjoy cooking and baking, though fewer men than one might expect in a predominantly gay group said that opera, musicals or Barbra Streisand play a central role in their lives. Sorry, Babs.

Six attendees agreed to form an ad hoc committee to initiate a men's group and plan the first few events. This brave group consists of Jim Acerra, Alex Ingersoll, Kevin Johnson, Tom Lakritz, Richard Meyerson and Martin Tannenbaum. Our charter is to ensure that Sha'ar Zahav is an engaging community for Jewish men by hosting Jewish-oriented events that help meet our social, cultural, and spiritual needs.

We named ourselves the "CSZ Mensch Group." If you'd like the rejected names, please ask.

We held our "kick-off" event on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd at the home of Arthur Slepian and Gerry Llamado. What was Jewish about this event you might ask? Well, I could tell you that the Super Bowl was broadcast thanks to Israeli technology. MobileAccess, the company that installed the

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# From the Rabbi's Study



## MY MORNING PRAYER

Dear God,  
Source of Sustenance,  
Believer in my essential goodness and potential,

Be with me as I grow,  
as I become more aligned with my true nature.  
Help me tap into my inner reservoirs of strength, courage and wisdom.

Embolden my resolve to take care of myself,  
my body and my spirit, so that I may continue  
to be of service to You and to those whose well-being I so cherish.

Thank You for Your precious gifts of life  
and love and for my tender heart,  
which is in Your care.  
Thank you for Your invitation.  
Hineni. I am here.  
I accept.

Camille Shira Angel

I wrote this meditation just a year ago, while attending the Jewish Women's International Conference on Domestic Violence. The instructor, Merle Feld, asked us to write a personal blessing for ourselves. This is what came to me.

I am thrilled and delighted that it will be in our soon-to-be published Siddur, as will many fresh, new words of prayer. Though our magnificent Siddur will seem by and large very much the same as the one we have been using for nearly ten years now, it will have many new, heart-opening, spiritually-uplifting, proud and gorgeous words and art created by our very own congregants.

I am told that over fifty congregants have been involved in bringing this edition of our Siddur to life, including those who have written blessings, illustrated Hebrew letters, and volunteered their time to edit, proofread, and produce this

book, as well as the Chai donors who have made its publication possible. We are incredibly blessed with the gifts of so many, whose very time is itself a prayer.

We thank you.

There is also time if you still want to contribute. Work now is turning towards such practical matters as proofreading, printing, and marketing this book. If you would like to help, please be in touch with Siddur Project Manager Jo Ellen Green Kaiser at [jgkaiser@earthlink.net](mailto:jgkaiser@earthlink.net) or 415.939.0823.

It's hard to believe that I won't be at the service at Pride 2008 when our Siddur is first to be revealed (God willing). I will be in the midst of my Sabbatical, at that point either in Denmark or Jerusalem. I will be celebrating with you, with

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pride in our contribution to the life of the spirit, to the lives of our community and to our unique capacity to offer up gratitude for the manifold twists and turns our lives take.

May we grow from strength to strength! Hallelujah!

With love,

Camille Shira

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# ● Shmittah for the Rabbi



**OUR BELOVED** rabbi, Camille Shira Angel, will be taking a sabbatical beginning in late March and continuing through September of this year. This time to get away and refresh herself through travel and educational experiences is a

well-deserved benefit granted to our rabbi by the terms of her contract with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, with the time to be divided up between a period taken now and another at the end of the seven year contract period. We are thrilled that we are able to provide Rabbi Angel with this benefit.

In Leviticus the Jewish people are instructed to work the fields for six years and in the seventh year to give the land a Shabbat, a complete rest, just as we are to take a complete rest every seventh day of the week. Our tradition recognizes that we all need a time-out of one kind or another, to renew and refresh. From this teaching we learn the concept of the "sabbatical," which

refers to time off from customary work in order to become refreshed and renewed and prepared to work again.

The Shmittah year, the year of rest for the land described in the Torah, creates an opportunity for the land to replenish the minerals and vitamins that nourish all of our food. For those in teaching and helping professions, a sabbatical helps to replenish the spiritual and educational inspiration that nourishes all of our minds and souls. It is typical for rabbis to be given such time off approximately every seven years, to experience their personal Shabbat, a time of rest and regeneration.

Sha'ar Zahav, with our strong emphasis on skilled lay leadership, is well accustomed to tending to our needs during periods when our clergy have been absent. Thus we will continue to have regular vibrant Shabbat and holiday worship, led by members of our ritual committee, as well as Can-

tor Sharon Bernstein and Rabbinic Intern Reuben Zellman. Our professional staff and lay volunteers will also continue our inspiring and enriching adult education and other innovative programming. Rabbis from the Jewish Healing Center and neighboring congregations have made themselves available in the event of emergency lifecycle needs. Although we

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will of course miss Rabbi Angel and feel her absence, we will continue to thrive as a result of the strengths and talents of our fabulous community.

Please join me in wishing Rabbi Angel an energizing, yet relaxing, time of renewal. We wish her a period to grow and learn, to connect with her family, and with herself, and to return to us reinvigorated for our coming work together.

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## Community-Wide Havdalah

**SATURDAY MARCH 29 5:00 PM.** Have you ever felt torn about your relationship to the Jewish tradition's written history? Please join us for a program exploring how to be a "People of the Book" when the Book is sometimes quite difficult. Join us for dinner; stay for study groups and panels led by Maggid Jhos Singer, Reuben Zellman, Karen Erlichman, Rabbi Elliot Rose Kukla, Beit Sefer teachers and CSZ members! Adults, teens and children welcome.

## Recovery Shabbat

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 7:30.** Sha'ar Zahav and

the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Addictions- Bay Area Chapter invite you to a celebration of recovery on Recovery Shabbat. Come at 7:30 for Torah study followed by Shabbat service at 8:15 PM.

## Home Made Passover Seder— 2nd Night of Passover.

**SUNDAY APRIL 20, 5:00 PM.** Celebrate Pesach with the CSZ community at our congregational second-night seder. Space is limited—last year was a sell-out! Call 415-861-6932 to reserve your spot.

## Ongoing

### CSZ-SFOP Organizing Meeting

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 7:00 PM; THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00 PM.** Join us at our monthly meetings. For more information, contact Josh Weisman at [josh@sfop.org](mailto:josh@sfop.org).

### East Bay Chavurah

**SECOND FRIDAYS; FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 6:00 PM; FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 6:00 PM.** Join us for a vegetarian potluck at a member's home, then stay for text-based dialogue

around 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Richard Weiner at [rweiner@nelsonnygaard.com](mailto:rweiner@nelsonnygaard.com).

## Bereavement Spiritual Support Group

**TUESDAYS, STARTING APRIL 29, 7:00 PM.** This group will provide support with general and Jewish resources for the mourning process. Group is close (not drop-in) and requires pre-registration. To register or for more information, contact Bay Area Jewish Healing Center at [jewish-healing@ioaging.org](mailto:jewish-healing@ioaging.org) or call 415-750-4197.

## Adult Education

### Jewish and Gay Culture in Poland and the Czech Republic

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 11 AND 25, 7:00 PM.** \$24/2 sessions. Taught by Shana Penn, Visiting Scholar, Center for Jewish Studies GTU. For a description of the sessions, email Karen Schiller at [kschiller@igc.org](mailto:kschiller@igc.org)

### Harmonizing Workshop

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 6:45 PM.** Taught by Cantor Sharon Bernstein

### Creating Welcoming Community for Queer Interfaith Couples

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 5:30 PM.** Taught by Karen Erlichmann MSS, LCSW and Rabbi Elliot Rose Kukla. Program includes dinner. For a description of this workshop go [www.shaarzahav.org](http://www.shaarzahav.org) or contact Greg Lawrence at 415-861-6932.

### Seder Songs Workshop

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 6:45 PM.** Taught by Cantor Sharon Bernstein

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# JCRC Report

By Terry Fletcher

**D**id you ever wonder what goes on at the Jewish Community Relationship Council and what Sha'ar Zahav's role is?

The San Francisco JCRC is an umbrella organization that represents many Jewish organizations and synagogues in the Bay Area. The "Metro" (or San Francisco) JCRC is made up of at-large members, representatives of organizations, and representatives from the East Bay, South Bay, Marin and Sonoma Jewish Community Relations Councils. A total of 120 people are eligible to attend and vote at the monthly meetings.

The San Francisco JCRC is one of 120 Jewish Community Relations Councils in the country, which in turn are part of a national umbrella organization, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

I joined the JCRC this year as Sha'ar Zahav's representative. It's not easy translating the diverse views of over 600 CSZ congregants into the one vote I have on the Council, especially on subjects that are likely to be controversial such as the Middle East conflict. I have sought advice through discussions with our president Ora Prochovnick, Rabbi Angel, individual Va'ad members, and most recently the Va'ad itself on how to handle this challenge. We agreed that in these circumstances that I would do my best to represent the voices within our congregation that are not otherwise represented on the JCRC and who would not be heard were I not to speak for them.

Two examples of how I have put this into practice follow:

At the November 2007 meeting, two important resolutions were passed, one dealing with the Armenian genocide and one on the Middle East.

1) In the first resolution, the JCRC reaffirmed a position it had taken in a letter written to the Armenian Bishop of San Francisco in 1989. This letter supported a Congressional resolution designating a National Day of Remembrance of the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. I would have preferred that the resolution actually call the events of 1915-1923 a genocide (it stopped short of that), but I voted for it. Though there was some controversy about the resolution, it passed by a wide margin.

2) The Middle East Policy Statement calls for a two-state solution in the Middle East, though it clearly implies that Israel should not be expected to withdraw to its 1967 borders. It blames the lack of solution entirely on Arab governments and the Palestinians, and in its nine pages of text do not acknowledge or even mention Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

While I know that many congregants at Sha'ar Zahav deeply care about and support Israel, many do so from a critical perspective. Others have a very ambivalent connection to Israel. In my opinion, the Policy Statement lacked the sort of balance that could include most Sha'ar Zahav's congregants' views, particularly those congregants whose views are not already well-represented on the JCRC. For this reason I did not support it.

In the months preceding the vote, I worked and strate-

gized with a small group of other JCRC representatives who, like me, were critical of the statement's failure to balance criticism of Arab and Palestinian policies with criticism of Israeli policies. One of our strategies was to try to introduce a dissenting statement.

According to the JCRC bylaws, a proposal must receive 75 percent of the vote to pass. (This is called a consensus.) If a proposal receives between 75 percent and 85 percent of the vote, a dissenting statement can be issued, though in practice this has rarely been done.

At the November meeting, the Council passed the Middle East Policy Statement by slightly less than 85% of the vote, then voted unanimously to allow a dissenting statement. This is the first time in San Francisco JCRC history that a dissenting statement on the Middle East has been issued and I was proud to participate in its development and passage. The dissenting statement acknowledges that Israel shares responsibility for the conflict, and recommends a freeze on Israeli settlement construction, evacuation of settlement outposts and easing of Palestinian freedom of movement. It also states that the consensus statement does not fully describe the diversity of opinion within the Bay Area Jewish community on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

All of the above mentioned resolutions and statements can be found at <http://www.jcrc.org>.

I encourage CSZ congregants to contact me with any feedback, questions or comments they have about the Jewish Community Relations Council or my role on it. I can be reached at [tfletcher@california.com](mailto:tfletcher@california.com)

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## Are You Mensch Enough?

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communications network in Alltel Stadium, does all of its R&D in Lod, Israel. Or, that as an added incentive to increase our bets, all bets became donations to Sha'ar Zahav's General Fund. (Betting favored the Patriots, a big mistake since, as attendee Peter Allen remarked, "the game proved, once again that Ha'shem is a New Yorker."). Mainly, though, we were pleased to co-opt the national male day of drink and nosh into a day for schmoozing.

Future events will include attending a play, movie or lecture in March—preferably one with Jewish or gay content. Prior to Pesach, we are planning a Passover baking event—perhaps with a kosher wine tasting. And one Saturday in May, we hope to lead a Shabbat hike.

If you'd like to get involved—either in planning or attending these events, please feel encouraged to contact Tom Lakritz ([tlakritz@pacbell.net](mailto:tlakritz@pacbell.net)) to join our Google group, the CSZ Mensch Group. Look for additional announcements in the JGF and weekly Sha'ar Zahav emails. And please "menschen" us to your friends.



# Shalom Families!

RECENTLY, I have had the opportunity to embark on several conversations regarding our curriculum, which joins together both LGBT and Jewish educational elements. This is the unique mission of our shul and our school and we are, in both areas, trailblazing. Being on the cutting edge means that there is no set curriculum (though our esteemed rabbi did write a fabulous curriculum focusing on LGBT issues and the Jewish classroom). In many ways, we at this school (along with groups like Jewish Mosaic: The National Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity) are setting the standard for how to create Jewish content that is LGBT sensitive and vice versa.

What does it mean to create a program that is both rich in Jewish content and LGBT-centered? I believe it means creating a rich, fun and positive environment at Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer in which every student feels totally accepted and welcome for exactly who they are. I sometimes refer to this as the "Bubble of love" and I know that this is the best homage that I can give to Phyllis Mintzer, z"l, who had such a powerful and graceful way of creating Jewish learning environments that were totally inclusive.

In my own experience, I feel strongly that my Jewish background, education and community served me in my own coming out process. *If I am not for myself, who am I?* My Jewish education gave me the foundation for learning how to fight homophobia, both internally and externally. On a deeper level, the words of Torah, *Justice,*

*Justice you shall pursue*, have translated for me as an obligation to try to create a world that has a little less sexism, racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism and classism. Learning the history of both my Jewish and LGBT ancestors has taught me to have *koach*, strength and to speak out for what I believe is right and fair and just in the world without letting fear stand in my way.

I would like to believe that all our students, here at our little school in the Mission, gain wisdom and enough fire under their tushs to feel that this mission of repairing the world is their mission. I hope that we are creating the foundation here where students thrive with enough self esteem to always feel they can speak openly about who they are and what their beliefs are.

This holy mission of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer is a group effort—the clergy, teachers and especially you the parents are central in helping us set this course. Your feedback helps us to hone this curriculum to really fit the needs of this community. Recently I sent out a curriculum to all the families so that they could see what each class is learning. It is my hope that woven into the content of each lesson is the foundation that will help our students to create a world where social justice is at the forefront. Sometimes this journey of uncharted Jewish education seas is a little rocky and we don't always know which way to sail. However, at the end of the day, I know I couldn't think of a better community to be on this journey with.

L'shalom,  
Rebecca

## BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 1	Mar 19	Apr 2	Apr 16
Shabbat Class-Begin Unit	Wednesday Class-	Wednesday Class	Wednesday Class-
Three people of the book	Spiritual Quest Class	Apr 5	Spiritual Quest Class
Mar 5	Mar 22	Shabbat Class- Spiritual	Apr 19
Wednesday Class -	Purim Carnival	Quest Class	No Beit Sefer
Spiritual Quest Class	Mar 26	Mitzvah Project	Apr 23
Mar 8	Wednesday Class	Apr 9	No Beit Sefer
Shabbat Class	Mar 29	Wednesday Class-	Apr 26
Mar 12	No Beit Sefer	Spiritual Quest Class	NO BEIT SEFER
Wednesday Class	Community wide	Apr 12	Apr 30
Mar 15	Havdallah	Shabbat Class-Beit	Wednesday Class-
Shabbat Class		Sefer Led Service	Spiritual Quest Class

## CALENDAR

### FAMILY

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 6:00-7:00PM

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 6:00-7:00 PM

**Friday Night Live.** Designed for children ages 0-6, this monthly Family Shabbat includes a song-filled service followed by dinner. We provide pizza, but please bring a veggie dish to share. On March 7, please also make an effort to bring friends with kids to join us!

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 22, 10:30 AM

**Purim Pajama Palooza**

**Purim Carnival.** This year, Purim is a 49 hour event. Come with the family—in costume or pajamas—to the super fun Purim Pajama Palooza Megillah Reading on Thursday night. Then, return on Saturday (costumes optional) for the Beit Sefer Purim Carnival. Created and run by Beit Sefer students, the carnival promises games, prizes and treats to children ages 0-100.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 5:00 PM

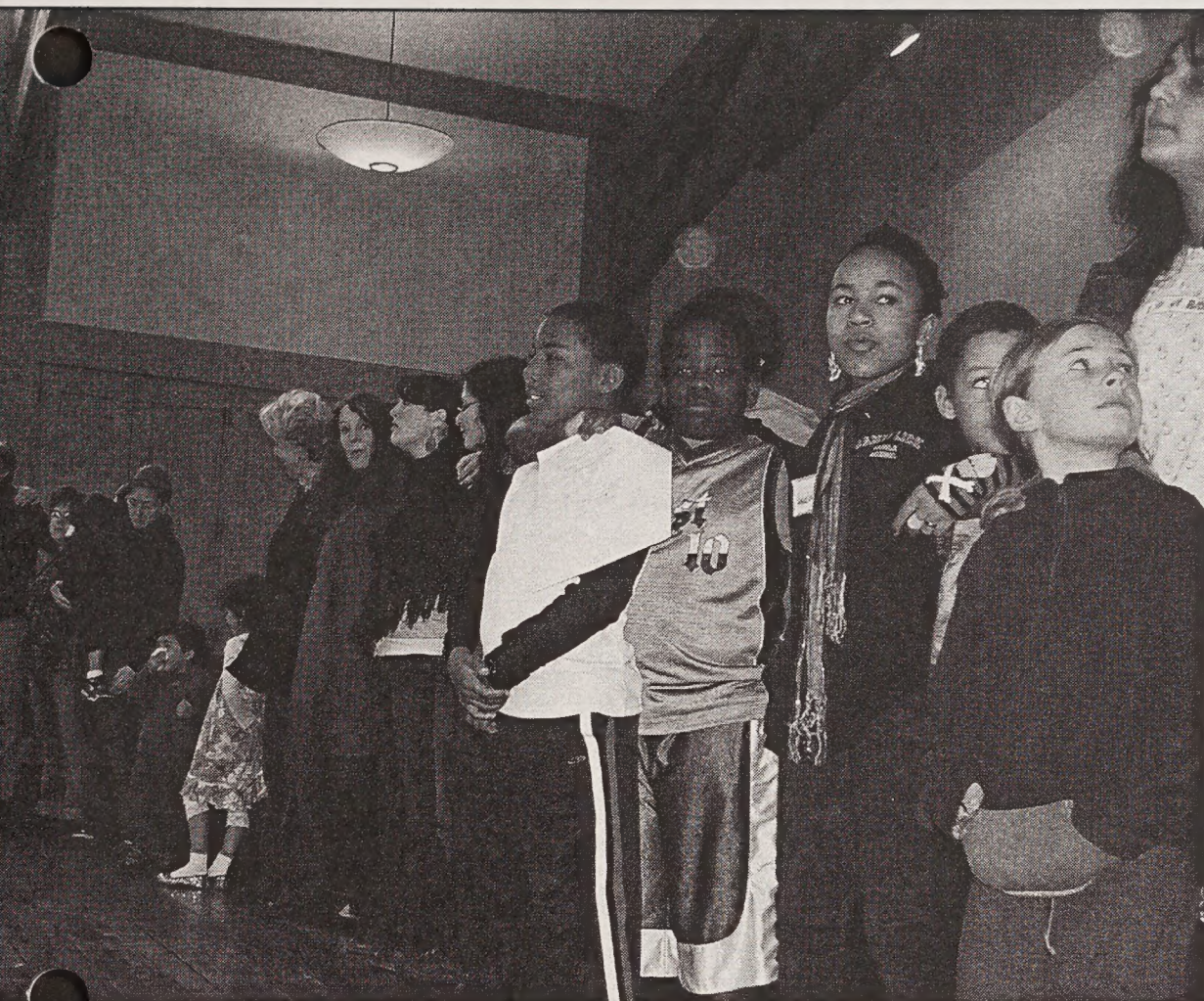
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SUNDAY APRIL 20, 5:00 PM

**Home Made Passover Seder - 2nd Night of Passover.** CSZ's "Home

Made" Passover seder is back for its fourth fabulous year! Celebrate Pesach with the CSZ community at our congregational second-night seder. Seating is limited - last year was a sell-out! Call 415-861-6932 to reserve your spot.





Beit Sefer families join hands for the first opening circle held in the sanctuary. Reminder that opening circle meets upstairs now at 9:30 am. Torah Study is in the oneg room.

## THANK YOU

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer acknowledges with gratitude Sinai Memorial Chapel for their generous donation which has helped us to expand our Design Teams-Galei Limudim and further l'dor v'dor learning.



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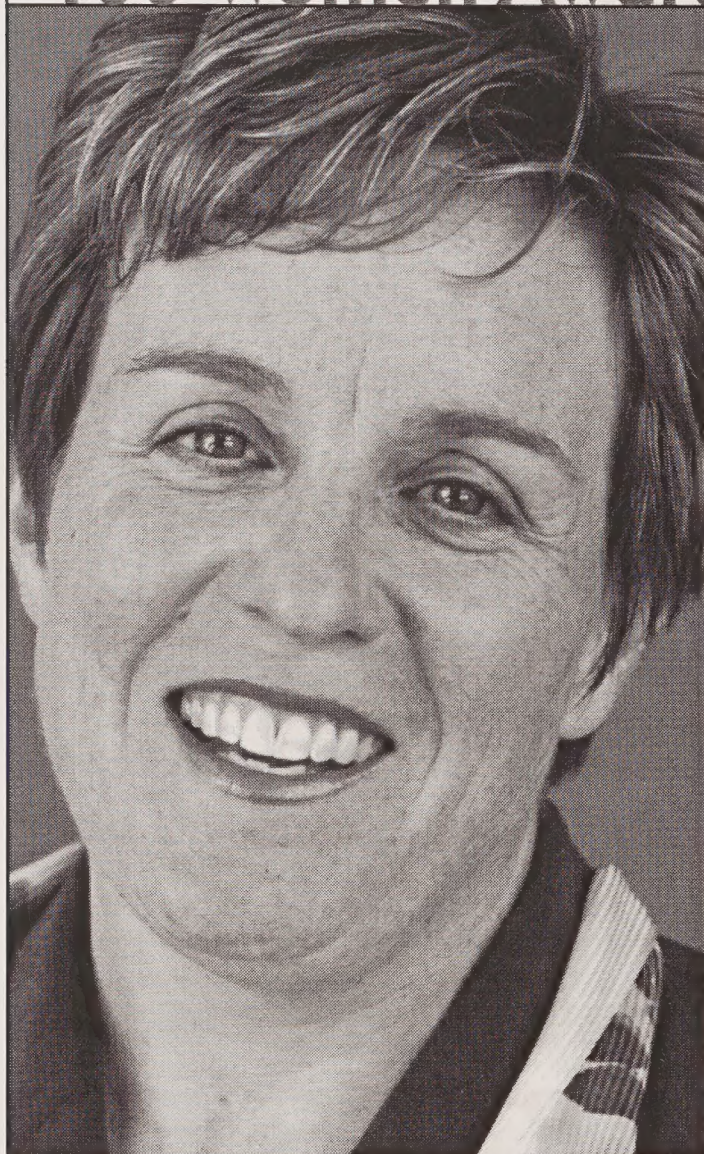
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# Interview with Susan Unger

## Sha'ar Zahav Member and Recipient of the 100 Women Award

By Susan Tubbesing



**JGF:** Susan we have just learned that you are going to be honored at the Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards that benefits the Desert AIDS Project in Palm Springs. I think that when people see you on the bimah during the High Holidays, they have no idea you live in Palm Springs and come from such a long distance to play a wonderful role in our services.

We started to visit Palm Springs in 1999 and decided to move here full time in July of 2001.

**JGF:** What do you do there?

I've had my own business since 1993 doing management and marketing con-

sulting. Since going into business for myself, I feel semi-retired because, to a fair degree, I have my own schedule. One of the great things about living in Palm Springs is that when I'm not working I feel like I'm instantly on vacation.

**JGF:** So I know you've been active in the Desert AIDS Project (DAP) for several years.

The Desert AIDS Project (DAP) is one of the largest non-profits in the Coachella Valley, with over 2,400 clients with HIV or AIDS and 85 staff members. I was invited to join the board five years ago. We are a very comprehensive agency with a complete medical clinic and provide a dozen social services all under one roof.

In October 2005 I came up with the idea and was able to launch a new major donor program called 100 Women. 100 Women is a major donor

program, with a minimum donation of \$1,500. The funds we raise support programs that benefit the health and well-being of women and children who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Most of our clients live below the poverty line. Our contributions have been used for food vouchers that not only benefit women and children, but the entire community. We've paid for mammograms for low-income women and purchased school uniforms for our clients' kids. We've been able to hire a bilingual educational outreach worker to go to the eastern part of the valley to work with migrant farm worker families.

One thing I am really proud of—the

program seems to be building bridges to the community. We've gotten people involved with the Desert AIDS Project who never felt comfortable walking through our doors before. I think it's helping people to realize that community health depends on community commitment.

**JGF:** Better than with "clear the dessert plates." At least they'll still be awake! Let's go back a little bit to your involvement with Sha'ar Zahav. I remember that the very first service I attended was during the High Holidays in 1988 at the Unitarian Church and I think you either gave a drash or sang the Kol Nidre or both. Is that possible you were involved that long ago?

Absolutely. I moved to SF in 1982 and joined the congregation in either 1983 or early 1984. I was at the service when we moved into Danvers and joined shortly after.

**JGF:** I remember trying to figure out who you were, if you were the rabbi or the cantor. And then someone sitting next to me said you were "just" a member of the congregation. Your singing was so beautiful.

**I remember wondering how you knew how to lead the service like that!**

My grandfather was a Reform rabbi. I think that's one of the things that has always connected me with Jon Funk (her frequent partner on the bimah). His father was a rabbi and my grandfather was a rabbi. We share this bond.

**JGF:** I expect you had an extensive Jewish education, with your family's background. When you grew up did you study Hebrew extensively?

Yes, but, we moved frequently and sometimes we lived in places where



there was no other Jewish family. When I was in junior high school, I was the only Jewish kid in my school. My mom used to drive me about 40 minutes each way, four times a week to the temple for Hebrew school on Tuesday and Thursday, religious school on the weekend, and Friday night services. I was a bat mitzvah and always enjoyed studying Hebrew. When I was in high school I ended up graduating a year early and I went to Israel and did a Kibbutz *Ulpan* program for six months on Kibbutz Hanita. I arrived there around Rosh Hashanah and ten days later the Yom Kippur war started (1973). That was quite an experience.

**JGF: Let me bring you back to your present life. You haven't joined a synagogue in Palm Springs, but you have stayed involved in Sha'ar Zahav.**

Even though I've lived here quite awhile now, I still feel a strong connection to Sha'ar Zahav and my friends who are there. I have gone to services at several synagogues down here and although they have many wonderful qualities it just isn't the same. I haven't experienced a real sense of spirituality in the services.

At CSZ, one of the things that has always been a huge gift for me over the years has been to sing at services. It's been an opportunity to give back in some way. I know that music really makes a difference to people in how they feel about the service and what they get out of it – and where it takes them emotionally. It's really special to be part of that. Over the years people have asked me to sing at different life cycle events, baby namings, weddings and funerals, and it's really great to be able to be part of people's lives at those times. It's at those moments that I really feel the presence of God in my life.

Sha'ar Zahav has helped to shape my character, and who I am in this world, and that will always stay with me and keep me connected to Sha'ar Zahav.

**JGF: Well, we sure don't ever want to lose you. We're really glad you come back to San Francisco every year and that you will continue to be such an important part of our community. Thanks, Susan.**

# Rainbow Fund Appeal 2008/5768

Yes, it is that time of year when we gather together to ensure that our wonderful community grows in beauty and vitality. If you love to sing, or pray, or study, or do mitzvot and tikkun olam, or send your children to religious school, or have a bar mitzvah (no matter your age), or recognize you always have a home at Sha'ar Zahav—then you know these things—and more—make our synagogue a place for all seasons of the soul.

Sha'ar Zahav—our community *and* our building—is a precious reality, a reality that together we hold in the palm of our hands. We are asked to open these hands in *nedivut* (generosity), to give—not just to maintain, but to enhance our community and what we mean to ourselves and the world.

Like many mid-size congregations, our membership dues cover only half of the actual cost (\$2907 last year) per membership unit. Rainbow Fund is a vitally important element in the financial health of our shul.

This year's Rainbow Fund Appeal will begin and end in March, in synchronicity with Purim, a holiday when we send out *manot* of sweet things to remember Esther's triumph—and that of our people. This year, expand your *mishloach manot* tradition to include a contribution to the Rainbow Fund!

Just as important is your participation in our annual appeal. If you haven't volunteered in the past, here's a chance to meet more members of our community—just call one of us.

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28/29

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4/5

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11/12

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18/19

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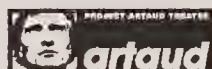
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Shabbat Shira/Cantor Unplugged co-chairs, **Sharyn Saslafsky and Karen Schiller**, would like to thank the following volunteers for their help making Shabbat Shira/Cantor Unplugged a fabulous weekend! We couldn't have done it without you! **Dan Bellm, Robert Bernardo, Kelly Cytron, Paula Fleisher, Avi Goldberg, Andrea Guerra, Sara Haber, Hershey Hirschkop, Alex Ingersoll, Rose Katz, Deborah Levy, Gerry Llamado, Stefan Lynch, Richard Meyerson, Florence Nacamulli, Shelly Rawlings-Fein, Max Strassfeld, Judy Schwartz, Martin Tannenbaum, Abi Weissman, Steve Weitz, Marc Wernick, Larry Wong, Lydia Zinn, and the CSZ staff.**

## Naches

Mazel Tov to **Gerry Llamado**, who was welcomed into the Jewish Covenant here at Sha'ar Zahav on December 7.

Mazel Tov to **Steve Weiner**, on the birth of his grandson, **Scott Logan Weiner**.

Yishar Koach to the **CSZ choir**, who beautifully performed at Friday night's Shabbat service under the leadership of Reuben Zellman on December 7.

Yishar Koach to all members of our **Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer** who led our Shabbat services on December 8.

Yishar Koach to **Karen Segal**, who directed Brandeis Hillel Day School's 4th-8th grade ensemble in a Chanukah and klezmer concert at SF City Hall's rotunda on Monday, December 17. Also, Yishar Koach to **Daniel Meyer-O'Keeffe**, who accompanied the ensemble with his singing and guitar playing!

Yishar Koach to **Jo Ellen Green Kaiser** for co-editing the recently published *Righteous Indignation: A Jewish Call to Justice*. This anthology brings together more than 35 essays by scholars, activists, and rabbis on a broad range of social and environmental justice topics including poverty, genocide, gay rights, stem cell research, and global warming.

Yishar Koach to **Dan Bellm** on the publication of his book of poetry, *Practice*.

Yishar Koach to **Anne Bluethenthal** on the premiere of her original dance piece, *Cariño: Economy of the Heart*, on March 21 at Project Artaud Theater.

## New Members

We warmly welcome the newest members of our congregation: **Melissa Fanny Handman; Bethany Lobo; James Moser, Flavio Epstein; Jessica Coyne;**

**Tracy Artson, Dawn Osterweil** and their twins, **Benji and Sydney; Travis Svensson** and his sons, **Ty and Drew Svensson; and Karren Shorofsky, Carolyn Reiser**, and their daughter, **Julia Shorofsky**.

## Rabbi Around Town

These past few months, Rabbi Angel has been engaged in study with her colleagues, including members of the Northern California Board of Rabbis, Rev. Kirk Davis of Providence Baptist Church, and a CCAR Study session on Kavod HaRav with Rabbi Peter Knobel. She has also been making extensive Bikkur Cholim visits to the members of our Sha'ar Zahav family.

In addition, Rabbi Angel attended the installation of former CSZ Rabbi Yoel Kahn at Temple Beth El in Berkeley, and worked extensively and made a presentation on The Legacy Heritage Innovation Grant.

## Dan Bellm Reads from *Practice*

**Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 PM**

Dan Bellm (solo reading)  
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# From Hearing to Doing:

## Organizing at CSZ By Scott Kramer

**W**hen Sha'ar Zahav first joined SFOP four years ago, our interest was in strengthening our synagogue community through tikkun olam.

So we initiated a listening campaign, from which we learned that, for many, "what keeps us up at night" are issues around health care and housing.

We chose to work on health care. We succeeded in getting Healthy San Francisco passed and we have since succeeded in spreading the program to all twenty-seven health clinics—it's an important safety net for all of us. Unfortunately, many people are still ineligible because the program currently is limited to those making less than three times the poverty level; others have been mistak-

only rejected even though they qualify. Several CSZ members have been rejected from the program, myself included!

We continue to fight to broaden the program so it's truly universal and includes those who have a moderate or higher income but still cannot afford health care or cannot get it because of pre-existing conditions. If you have signed up for Healthy SF, tried to sign up, want to sign up but are ineligible, or lack insurance or fear losing it, or just want to share your story, please call Kelley Clements at 415-987-9865.

During the health care campaign we have learned a lot about local politics (!) but in this work that we're doing it's just as important to be constantly learning more about ourselves and our community. So we embarked on the Elul listening campaign this past fall to-

gether with leaders from the Va'ad and the Membership Committee.

The listening campaigns really gave us a chance to learn from each other. I sat with a bunch of parents during one session, and learned from that conversation how important it was for these GLBT families to have a place where their families could be accepted, where you are not an exception, but the rule. Through the listening campaign I discovered how many people in our congregation are blessed, add blessing to the congregation, and receive blessing from being part of the congregation—blessings all around!

Of course, issues did come up. For example, many people expressed concern about taking care of elderly friends and parents and growing old themselves. We also found a real concern about building community right here at Sha'ar Zahav. People wanted to better understand how shul decisions are made, to have more events for men, and to find ways to feel more connected socially, to feel more at home here at Sha'ar Zahav.

One of the main reasons we conduct a listening campaign is to build community. Some of these issues, like aging, might spin off into a political issue that we can take citywide. That strengthens our community by allowing us to show each other that we care enough to go to bat for each other, giving us a common task, and developing new leaders within the shul. Some of the issues will lead, and have already led, to changes within the synagogue walls—with your help.

You can get involved in our local SFOP group by coming to any of our meetings: they are held the first Thursday of every month at Sha'ar Zahav at 7pm. If you come to a meeting, you may get so excited you'll be tempted to volunteer for something—that's the danger of showing up! But you will also find a community of people dedicated to working together for the shul and for our larger San Francisco community.

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## Condolences

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**Stacey Shuster, Joan Lefkowitz, and Josh and Mara Shuster-Lefkowitz**, on the death of Stacey's father, Sylvan Shuster

**Alan Michels, Laureen Kim, and Alapai Michels** on the death of Alan's mother, Barbara Michels

**Jonathan Funk**, on the death of his aunt, Helen Funk

**Henry Carrey**, on the death of his friend, Mascha Benya-Matz

**Ron Edelman**, on the death of his friend, Nancy Gardner

**Bob Gutterman**, on the death of his friend, Bruce McCrae

**Craig Persiko and Serafina and Toby Persiko Benjamin**, on the death of Craig's grandmother, Lenda Persiko

**Alan Gordon**, on the death of his mother, Adrienne Gordon

**Marci DeLeon**, on the death of her grandmother, Marjorie Spring

**Kevin Johnson**, on the death of his friend, Daryl Seifert

**Gary Winter**, on the death of his aunt, Vivian Akin, and his uncle, Jay Raven

**Danny Kodmur**, on the death of his friend and teacher, Diane Wood Middlebrook

**Carolyn Pines and Judy Schwartz**, on the death of their friend, Debbie Simon

**Elana Jacobs**, on the death of her friend, Laura Weiland

## Member Yahrzeits

### March

- 1 Jamie Rosen
- 7 Isabel Fishman
- 16 Theodore Mendonca Jr.
- 17 Sanford Lowe
- 24 Paul Nemrow
- 26 Michael Lipson
- 28 Neill Rosen
- 31 Marvin Steele
- 31 James Harris Freedgood

### April

- 1 Adam Harris
- 2 Ronald Gertz
- 3 Abraham Cohen
- 6 Dennis Mitchell
- 21 Robert Sterman
- 23 Michael Randall
- 24 Norma Faini-Pick

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I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives.

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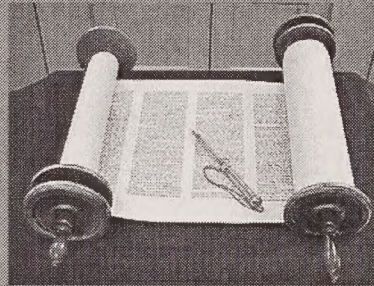
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# MARCH 2008

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Service

Service Leaders:  
Rabbi Angel

6:30 pm Rainbow Fund  
Phoning  
6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

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6:30 pm Ma'ariv  
7:00 pm SFOP meeting  
7:00 pm Membership  
Committee  
Meeting

Bring A Friend/Shabbat  
Across America  
6:00 pm Friday Night Live  
6:45 pm FNL Dinner  
8:15 pm Shabbat Service

1 ADAR II 5768  
9:00 am Torah Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Service

Service Leaders:  
Cantor Bernstein  
Avi Goldberg

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6:30 pm Rainbow Fund  
Phoning  
6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service  
7:00 pm Chorus rehearsal

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service  
7:00 pm Jews in Eastern  
Europe class

6:30 pm Rainbow Fund  
Phoning  
6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service  
6:45 pm Va'ad Meeting

7:30 pm Shabbat Service  
& New Member  
Welcome  
East Bay  
Chavurah

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Service

Service Leaders:  
Rabbi Angel  
Yasmine Shiloah

Service Leaders:  
Andy Fyne

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service  
7:00 pm Choosing Judaism  
7:00 pm Chorus Rehearsal

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service

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Erev Purim  
6:30 pm Purim Pajama  
Party Palooza &  
Megillah Reading

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Service  
Beit Sefer Purim Carnival

Service Leaders:  
Howard Steiermann  
Tiela Chalmers

Service Leaders:  
Reuben Zellman

4:00 pm Music in the  
Mishkan  
6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service  
7:00 pm Song of Songs  
class

6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service  
6:30 pm CEB meeting  
7:00 pm Jews in Eastern  
Europe class

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service  
6:45 pm Harmonizing  
workshop

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:15 am Shabbat Service  
6:00 pm Community Wide  
Haydalah

6:30 pm Ma'ariv service

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7:00 pm Song of Songs  
class

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